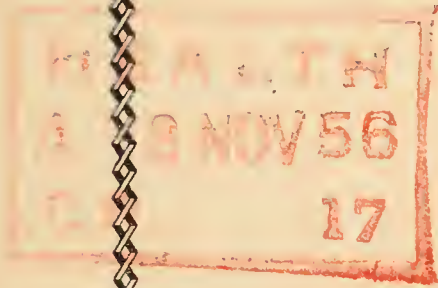


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Borough of Macclesfield

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Meetings at 7-30 p.m. on Thursday following Council.

The Mayor	Councillor Lawson
Alderman Hyde	„ Ledgar
Councillor Dean	„ Oldfield
„ Duffy	„ Shaw
„ Edwards	(To May, 1955)
„ Faulkner	„ Stanley
„ Frodsham	(From May, 1955)
„ Gleave (Mrs.)	„ Tomlinson (Mrs.)
„ Hooley	„ Williams
„ Janes (Mrs.)	„ Wright (Mrs.)

Chairman: Mr. Councillor Ledgar

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Alderman Hyde

Sub-Committees:—

Sewage Works	... ..	Chairman: Mr. Alderman Hyde.
Cleansing	... ..	Chairman: Mr. Alderman Hyde.
Inspection	... ..	Chairman: Mr. Alderman Hyde.

Staff of Public Health Department

***Medical Officer of Health, Divisional Medical Officer and Medical Superintendent of Isolation Hospital:**

H. R. DUGDALE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant County School Medical Officer:

DR. G. E. WILKINSON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

**Obstetric Consultant and Medical Officer Ante-Natal Clinic:
(Part Time) (Cheshire County Council):**

S. HENDERSON, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.O.G., M.M.S.A.

***Chief Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent:**

WILLIAM TURNER, M.S.I.A., C.San.I.B., R.P.

***Additional Sanitary Inspectors:**

HAROLD CORSCADDEN, M.S.I.A., C.San.I.B.

KENNETH W. MAPP, M.S.I.A., C.San.I.B.

RICHARD SHARP, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I.

Veterinary Inspector:

A. J. WRIGHT, M.R.C.V.S.

Health Visitors/School Nurses (Cheshire County Council):

*M. D. WATSON, Cert. R.S.I., Cert. S.C.M., S.R.N.

*F. M. YATES, Cert. R.S.I., Cert. S.C.M., Cert. R.S.C.N., S.R.N.

*A. GRILLS, Cert. R.S.I., Cert. S.C.M., S.R.N.

*T. MARTIN, Cert. R.S.I., Cert. S.C.M., S.R.N.

*N. R. WILLIAMS, Cert. R.S.I., Cert. S.C.M., S.R.N.

Clerks:

†H. GREENHOUSE. †MRS. P. CARTER. MISS N. PITCHER.

†MRS. E. M. BANNISTER. †MISS J. WALKER.

MISS A. DOBSON

Borough and Water Engineer:

J. H. DOSSETT, A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.W.E.

Sewage Works Manager:

F. E. HAMBLETON, A.M.I.S.P., A.M.I.S.E.

Borough Analyst (part time):

S. ERNEST MELLING, F.I.C.

*Officers in respect of whose salaries contribution is made under the Public Health Acts or by Exchequer Grants.

†Part time with Cheshire County Council.

Macclesfield Divisional Health Committee

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYE-LAWS AND LOCAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT WITH DATE OF ADOPTION.

LOCAL ACTS.

1. The Macclesfield Borough Waterworks Act, 1849.
2. The Macclesfield Improvement Act, 1852.
3. The Macclesfield District Gas Act, 1860.
4. The Macclesfield Corporation Act, 1882.
5. The Macclesfield Corporation Act, 1923.
6. The Macclesfield Corporation Act, 1939.

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

1. The Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890 ; Parts II and III as from the 1st May, 1891, and Part IV as from 1st December, 1933.
2. The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890, Sections 1 to 4, 16, 18 and 20 to 24, all inclusive, as from 1st May, 1891.
3. The Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1907 ; Sections 15 to 22 and 28 to 33 ; Sections 53 and 54, Part VI ; Sections 79 to 81, 84 and 85, and Part VIII, as from 12th October, 1910 ; Section 95, from 22nd June, 1923.
4. The Public Libraries Act.
5. The Burial Acts.
6. The Private Street Works Act, 1892.
7. The Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923.
8. Cheshire County Council Act, 1953. Sections 70, 76, 87, 115, 116, 132, 144, 145, 147, 148, 154 to 167 (incl.), 170 and 234.

BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

Slaughterhouses, 1930.

Prevention of Nuisances, 1903.

New Streets, 1926.

Sanitary Conveniences, 1926.

Houses Let in Lodgings, 1929.

Building, 1953.

Water, 1938.

Pleasure Grounds, 1949.

Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in Open Air, 1950.

ANNUAL REPORT

of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the year ended 31st December, 1955.

Public Health Department,
6 Market Place,
Macclesfield.
September, 1956.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF
THE BOROUGH OF MACCLESFIELD.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ending December, 1955.

The estimated population shows an increase of 830 over that of 1954, but the excess of deaths over births is disquieting when it is remembered that in the whole period 1939-1954, deaths exceeded births by only 57.

This is probably not a fair criterion, for it cannot make allowance for the families from Manchester and Salford whose influence on the birth rate will not be shown immediately.

Births, indeed, show a decrease of 15 from last year, giving a birth rate of 12.74. Deaths from all causes show an increase over 1954 of 21, due almost entirely to an increase in the number of female deaths from heart disease.

Infant deaths are one less than last year, only four of which were due to prematurity or congenital malformations.

623 cases of Infectious disease were notified during the year, 447 of Measles and 95 Whooping Cough. There were 17 deaths, all from Pneumonia. No cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

The number of visits for Housing purposes has this year more than doubled. This represents only a part of the work which has gone into housing with so far virtually nothing to show for it. Once it became apparent that no provision was being made for re-housing from slum property the urgent realism of slum clearance in Macclesfield ceased to exist.

Inspection of cafes and food shops show a small increase, though when it is realised that more than two hundred such premises exist, supervision seems hardly excessive.

My thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and to the Officials and staff of my own and other Departments of the Corporation.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. R. DUGDALE.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 1955

Areas of Borough	4,640 acres
Population (Census 1951)	35,999
Population (Estimated by Registrar General, 1955)	36,240
Number of inhabited houses (Census 1951)	11,441
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1955) estimated	12,340
Rateable Value, March, 1955	£227,858
Product of a Penny Rate	£912/14/-

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births: Legitimate	238	205	443
Illegitimate	11	8	19
	<hr/> 249	<hr/> 213	<hr/> 462

Still Births—11. Rate per 1,000 total births	23.25
Deaths—534. Death Rate (Crude)	14.73
Percentage of deaths occurring in Public Institutions	43.07

The total numbers of live births and of deaths of residents in the Borough during 1955 were 462 and 534 respectively. These figures show an excess of deaths over births of 72. In 1954 there was an excess of deaths over births of 36.

The Birth Rate of 12.74 is lower by 0.73 than for 1954.

The Death Rate of 14.73 shows an increase of 0.33 compared with the rate for 1954.

Number of women who died in, or in consequence of child birth:—

From Sepsis	0
From other causes	0

Death rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births:—

Legitimate	30.30
Illegitimate	2.16
Total	34.63

Infant Deaths

Of the 16 infant deaths, 12 occurred in males, and 4 in females.

Infantile Mortality

While the general death rate shows an increase, the Infant Mortality Rate of 34.63 per 1,000 live births, shows a decrease of 3.10 over 1954.

16 deaths occurred during 1955. 3 are accounted for by Pneumonia, 4 Prematurity, 1 Meningitis, 2 Enteritis, 3 Congenital Malformations, and 3 other cause.

Of these infant deaths one was illegitimate.

Table I shows the ages and causes of death.

In one case the cause of death was established by post-mortem examination.

Neo-Natal Death Rate

The number of infant deaths during the first four weeks of life was 8 as compared with 10 in 1954. This makes the death rate per 1,000 live births 17.31.

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases notified in 1955:				Cases notified in 1954.			
Pulmonary	...	...	13	Pulmonary	...	...	15
Non-Pulmonary	...	...	3	Non-Pulmonary	...	...	4
Number of deaths in 1955:				Number of deaths in 1954.			
Pulmonary	....	....	6	Pulmonary	....	....	6
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	3	Non-Pulmonary	....	....	2

Table 1.

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS, 1955, at different age periods under 1 year.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	CAUSE OF DEATH.									
	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total for four weeks.	4 weeks to 3 months.	3-6 months.	6-9 months.	9-12 months.	Total under 1 year.
Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Meningitis (not Tuberculosis)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3
Pneumonia (all forms)	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	2	2
Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Suffocation, Overlying	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Injury at Birth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prematurity	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4
Congenital Malformation	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	3
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
TOTAL	6	—	1	1	8	1	2	2	3	16

The following table shows the cases notified and the deaths from Tuberculosis during the year in the two sexes and classified in age groups:—

Table III

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5 years ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5 to 10 years ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 to 15 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 to 20 years ...	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	—
20 to 35 years ...	3	4	—	—	—	1	—	—
35 to 45 years ...	—	2	1	—	2	—	—	—
45 to 65 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
65 yrs. & upw'ds.	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	4	9	1	2	3	3	3	—

The regulations respecting notifications have been satisfactorily observed.

During the year there has been no need for action to be taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation, 1925, nor Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Scarlet Fever

During the year 1955, 33 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified and 16 cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital. In 1954, 36 cases were notified and 24 removed to the Isolation Hospital.

Diphtheria

During 1955 no notifications of Diphtheria were received.

Immunization

Since 1939 when immunization on a general scale against Diphtheria was adopted in Macclesfield, 11,598 children have been inoculated. Analysis shews that at the 31st December, 1955, there have been treated 1,675 children of pre-school age and 4,089 belonging to the 5—15 age group, the remaining 5,834 being over 15 years.

These figures are shewn in tabular form (see Table V) according to the various age groups for 1939 onwards. Thus the figures for those children 0—5 are shewn for each year to the right of the top thick line, while those of schoolchildren 5—15 years are given between the two thick lines, those below the lower left line being over 15 at the date mentioned. Adjustments have been made in reaching the final figures for those children of 4 plus, who during the year continue to pass from the pre-school to the school group, and also for those of 14 plus, who have reached their fifteenth birthday, and are therefore excluded from the 5—15 school group.

Enteric Fever

No cases of Typhoid Fever were notified during the year.

Puerperal Pyrexia

20 cases of Puerperal Pyrexia were notified during the year, 19 from West Park Hospital.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified during the year.

Erysipelas

No cases of Erysipelas were notified.

Dysentery

5 cases of Dysentery were notified in the Borough. Last year 4 notifications were received.

Acute Pneumonia

During the year 19 cases of this disease were notified. The total for 1954 was 20 cases.

Measles

447 cases of this disease were notified, compared with 205 last year.

Whooping Cough

95 cases of this disease were notified, compared with 51 last year.

Tuberculosis

13 cases of Pulmonary and 3 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified, compared with 15 Pulmonary and 3 Non-Pulmonary, a total of 18 last year.

All these cases received Sanatorium or Hospital treatment.

Poliomyelitis

4 cases of this disease were notified during the year and were admitted to the Isolation Hospital.

Food Poisoning

No cases of this disease were notified.

Scabies

Hurdsfield House Treatment Centre continued to be used as the treatment centre for cases of scabies, but no treatments were given during the year.

TABLE IV. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1955.

DISEASE.	Total Cases notified	AT AGES—YEARS.												Total notified last year (1954)	Cases treated in Hospital, Sanatorium, etc.						Total Deaths 1955	DEATHS AT AGE PERIODS.												Total Deaths last year (1954)
		Under 1 year	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65 and upwards		Isolation Hospital	General Infirmary	County Mental Hospital	West Park Hospital	Sanatoria	Other Hospitals		Under 1 year	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65 and upwards	
Smallpox	33	..	1	2	5	2	20	3	..	..	..	..	..	36	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric Fever (including Para-Typhoid .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	17	..	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pneumonia:—																																		
Acute Lobar.....	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	4	5	12
Acute Primary	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Influenzal	10	..	1	1	1	2	5	13	3	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Erysipelas .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dysentery	5	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	—	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles	447	13	45	63	57	47	216	5	..	1	..	..	..	205	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough	95	12	10	10	14	11	34	..	..	2	2	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food Poisoning .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	623	25	57	78	77	60	274	9	3	22	2	8	8	348	20	—	3	26	—	—	17	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	4	5	12	
TUBERCULOSIS:																																		
Pulmonary— Males	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	9	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	
Females.....	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	4	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	11	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	4	
Totals.....	13	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	7	2	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	20	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	1	6	
Non-Pulmonary—Males ...	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1		
Females..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Totals.....	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	2		
COMBINED TOTALS	639	25	57	78	79	60	275	9	6	29	5	8	8	—	20	—	3	26	23	—	26	3	—	—	—	—	1	3	5	8	6	—		
Last year (1954)	—	9	23	31	38	42	144	8	7	32	9	17	6	366	24	—	4	30	22	3	—	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	4	2	4	20	

Table II
THE ANALYSIS OF DEATH RETURNS FOR 1955

CAUSE OF DEATH	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	3	6
2. Tuberculosis, other	3	—	3
3. Syphilitic disease	1	—	1
4. Diphtheria	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
8. Measles	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1	2
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	7	6	13
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	18	3	21
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	9	9
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	3	3
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	19	20	39
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	3	—	3
16. Diabetes	1	1	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	31	46	77
18. Coronary disease, angina	41	29	70
19. Hypertension with heart disease...	6	5	11
20. Other heart disease	44	77	121
21. Other circulatory disease	5	12	17
22. Influenza	1	2	3
23. Pneumonia	5	12	17
24. Bronchitis	9	7	16
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	4	2	6
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	7	3	10
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	2	3
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	2	7	9
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—	2
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations	3	2	5
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	25	16	41
33. Motor vehicle accidents	5	1	6
34. All other accidents	5	4	9
35. Suicide	6	3	9
36. Homocide and operations of war	—	—	—
ALL CAUSES	258	276	534

DEATHS—1955

HOME AND INSTITUTIONAL

Place of Death	M.	F.	Total
At Home	135	149	284
Other Private Houses in Borough ...	1	2	3
MACCLESFIELD HOSPITALS			
General Infirmary Branch	24	21	45
West Park Branch	28	40	68
Isolation Branch	1	2	3
Parkside Hospital	42	44	86
Other Institutions (Transfers in)	17	11	28
Elsewhere	10	7	17
	258	276	534

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
MACCLESFIELD DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Harry Reynolds Dugdale, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
Divisional Medical Officer of Health.

Telephone No. Macclesfield 4908.

March, 1956.

Alfred Clough, F.C.C.S.,

Clerk to the Committee.

Telephone Nos. : Bollington 2209/2200.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Macclesfield Divisional Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Standing Order No. 10 (ii) we submit the following report for the year ending 31st December, 1955.

The constitution of the Committee is as follows:—

Name of Representative	Representing.
Mr. George Astbury, J.P.	Local Health Authority.
Councillor A. Whitley	Local Health Authority.
Councillor A. E. Barwood	Local Health Authority.
Mrs. Councillor M. I. Gillies	Local Health Authority.
Councillor J. Shrigley	Local Health Authority.
(Vice-Chairman from 1.5.55)	
Councillor Mrs. F. L. Tunstall	Local Health Authority.
Mrs. E. M. Dobson	Macclesfield Borough.
(to 1.5.55) Mr. P. Haworth	
(From 1.5.55).	
Mr. R. Edwards	Macclesfield Borough.
Mr. H. Duffy	Macclesfield Borough.
(To 1.5.55) Mr. L. Walton	
(From 1.5.55).	
Mrs. E. M. Gleave	Macclesfield Borough.
Mr. G. Hooley	Macclesfield Borough.
Mr. W. H. Hyde	Macclesfield Borough.
(Chairman to 1.5.55)	
Mrs. H. O. Janes	Macclesfield Borough.
Mr. W. A. Ledger	Macclesfield Borough.
(Chairman from 1.5.55).	

Mrs. M. Turpin (To 1.5.55.) Miss M. Wright (From 1.5.55).	Macclesfield Borough.
Mrs. A. M. White Mr. A. Lomas (To 1.5.55). Mr. R. Clarke (From 1.5.55).	Macclesfield Borough. Bollington Urban District Council.
Mr. A. Kirkham. (To 1.5.55) Mr. W. W. Hill (From 1.5.55).	Bollington Urban District Council.
Co-opted Members. Mrs. M. E. Wright (Vice-Chairman to 1.5.55).	Macclesfield and District Hospital Management Com- mittee.
Dr. J. W. Chadwick	Local Medical and Panel Committees within the Division.
Mr. C. A. Kendall	No. 10 Macclesfield and District Divisional Execu- tive Committee for Educa- tion.
Miss A. J. Staghall	Macclesfield and District Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.
Miss A. Lister	Macclesfield and District Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.
Mrs. W. White	Macclesfield and District Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.
Mrs. S. White	County Nursing Association.
Mrs. K. P. J. Peers	Voluntary Hospital Car Service.
Sub-Committees : Ambulance Service :	Chairman and Deputy Chair- man, Mrs. M. I. Gillies, Messrs. A. E. Barwood, W. H. Hyde, H. P. Haworth, Mrs. M. E. Gleave and Mrs. M. E. Wright.
Health Visiting : Home Nursing : Domestic Help :	Chairman and Deputy Chair- man, Mesdames K. P. J. Peers, A. M. White, S. G. White, M. E. Gleave, M. E. Wright, H. Janes and Miss M. Wright.

**Prevention of illness
Care and After-Care.
Midwifery :
Care of Mothers and
Young Children :**

Chairman and Deputy Chairman, Mesdames F. L. Tunstall, M. I. Gillies, A. J. Staghall, S. G. White, M. E. Wright, Messrs. H. P. Haworth and R. Edwards.

Estimates

Chairman and Deputy Chairman, Mrs. M. E. Wright, Mrs. K. P. J. Peers, Mr. H. P. Haworth and Mr. A. E. Barwood.

The administrative staff for the Divisional Medical Officer was as under :—

Macclesfield Borough.

Chief Administrative Assistant	Mr. H. Greenhouse	} Part-time with Macclesfield Borough
General Clerk	Mrs. P. Carter	
Typist	Mrs. E. M. Bannister	
Junior Clerk	Miss J. Walker	
Welfare Foods Service	Mrs. M. Mellor	
B.C.C. Clerk	Mrs. E. Albinson	

Bollington Urban District.

Junior Clerk	Mr. J. R. Nockton	} Part-time with Bollington. Urban District Council.

The Committee administers approved proposals under the National Health Service Act, 1946, as under :—

Section 22—Care of Mothers and Young Children.

Section 23—Midwifery.

Section 24—Health Visiting.

Section 25—Home Nursing.

Section 26—Vaccination and Immunisation.

Section 27—Ambulance Service.

Section 28—Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

Section 29—Domestic Help.

Section 51—Mental Health Services.

The following is a record of the work done during the year 1955.

Section 22—Care of Mothers and Young Children :

Infant Welfare Clinics.

Attendances made by children:	Attendances.	No. seen by Doctor.
Bridge Street (95 sessions)	2422	730
Hurdsfield House (51 sessions)	2210	555
Sanders Square (50 sessions)	1322	397
Weston (51 sessions)	1516	245
Bollington (24 sessions)	841	292

Pre-School (Toddlers') Clinics :

Attendances made by children:		
Bridge Street (49 sessions)	949	729
Hurdsfield House (39 sessions)	1064	737
Sanders Square (51 sessions)	770	465

Ante-Natal Clinics :

Attendances made by mothers:	Attendances:		No. seen by Doctor.
	First Visits.	Return Visits.	
Bridge Street (24 sessions)	134	249	261
Hurdsfield House (12 sessions)	65	129	117
Sanders Square (12 sessions)	69	142	145

Welfare Foods

The following foods continue to be sold at the Welfare Centres:— Cow and Gate, Virol, Glucose D, Rose Hip Syrup, M.O.F. Farex, Adexolin, Cereal, Robrex, Minadex, Trufood, Ostermilk and Purees, and during the year the total sales at each of the Centres were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
52 Bridge Street	239	4	1
Hurdsfield House	327	1	3½
Heyes Hall—Weston Estate ...	85	15	9
Sanders Square	224	2	7½
Total	876	3	9

Applications for admission to West Park Hospital:

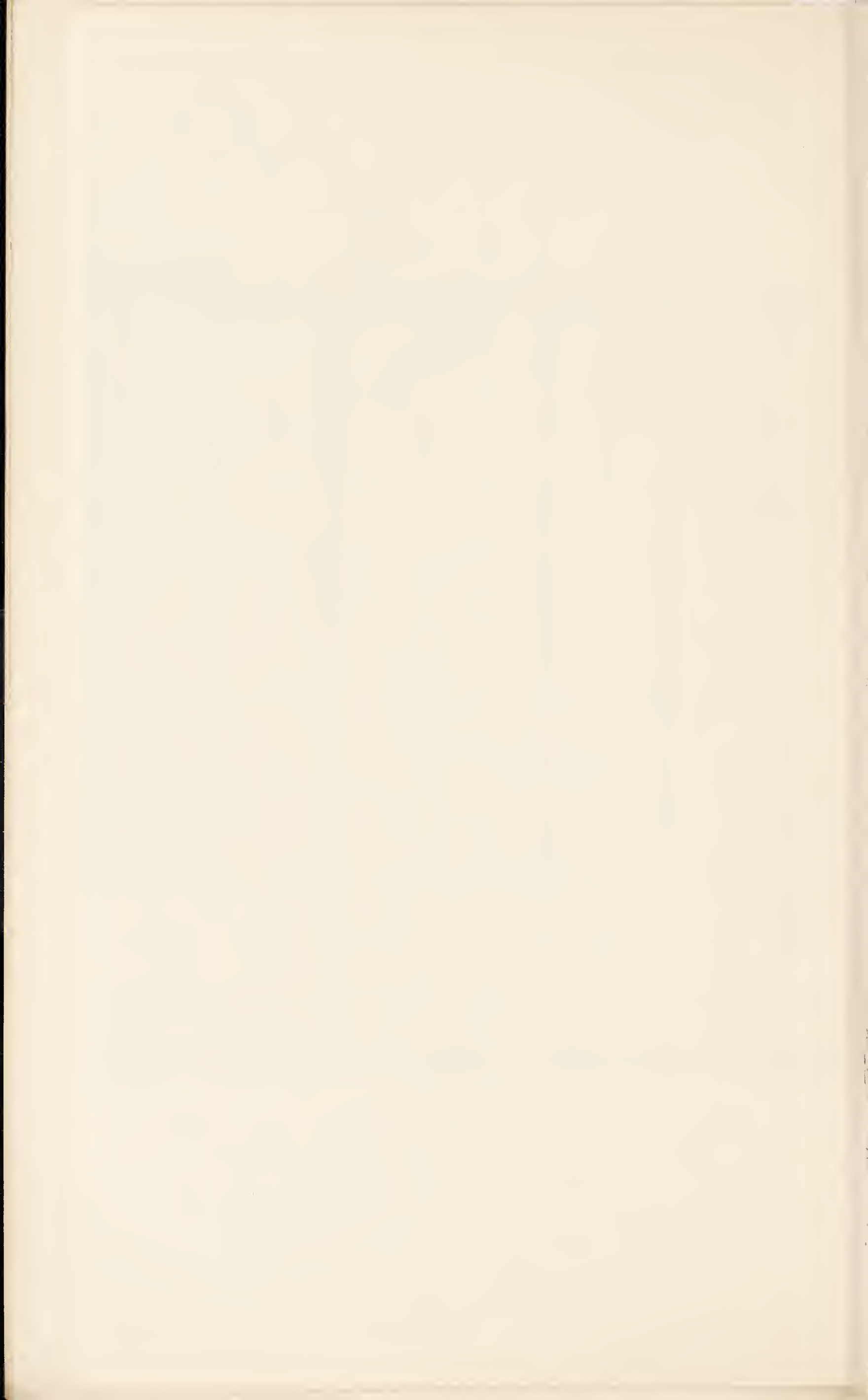
Number of Applications received			263
No. accepted by West Park Hospital.	No. accepted at other Hospitals.	Home Confinements due to non-acceptance.	
227 ...	— ...	18	

Infant Deaths :

There have been 2 deaths more than last year in the Division, 4 more in Bollington and 2 less in Macclesfield. Four of these deaths were due to Broncho pneumonia and its complications. Two deaths were due to Enteritis—Three to congenital malformations, Seven to Prematurity, and Four to other causes.

TABLE V.—DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. Persons Inoculated each year, 1939—1955

Age	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955	Total Immunised 0—5 years on 31st December, 1955 1675
0	4	0	15	39	26	56	97	18	9	9	15	6	208	20	182	245	282	
1+	50	5	73	207	221	298	236	276	347	402	374	217	193	268	68	230	65	
2+	73	5	57	125	74	52	42	31	68	92	89	57	27	75	14	42	10	
3+	74	5	49	105	56	15	25	15	9	18	15	12	3	32	6	21	5	
4+	132	20	94	87	77	36	31	15	3	12	9	5	3	10	15	13	15	Total Immunised 5—14 years on 31st December, 1955 4089
5+	185	34	147	112	78	54	37	3	3	13	9	7	6	10	—	23	6	
6+	213	30	102	37	33	92	39	5	2	25	4	5	—	6	—	—	—	
7+	235	50	70	21	15	78	36	1	—	21	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	
8+	217	55	78	24	16	62	36	1	1	14	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	
9+	174	95	54	21	8	69	30	2	—	7	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	Total Immunised 15 years and over on 31st December, 1955 5834
10+	123	152	50	19	1	81	17	3	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
11+	86	193	69	35	2	57	9	—	—	15	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	
12+	33	210	63	36	9	41	8	1	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
13+	33	228	59	25	5	16	7	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
14+	4	65	47	26	1	25	4	1	—	12	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	Grand Total 1939-1955 . 11,598
15 and over.	0	9	47	51	1	4	—	—	—	8	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	1636	1156	1074	970	623	1036	654	372	442	690	521	313	427	441	285	575	383	



1955—PLACES OF BIRTH AND DEATH—MACCLESFIELD

		Born and Died in Hospital	Born in Hospital Died at Home.	Born at Home. Died in Hospital.	Born and Died at Home.
Macclesfield	....	.... 6	2	3	5
Bollington	....	.... —	1	2	1

1955—AGES AT DEATH

	Under 24 hrs.	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	1-4 weeks	1-2 mos.	2-3 mos.	3-6 mos.	6-12 mos.
Macclesfield	4	—	—	1	—	2	2	—	2	5
Bollington	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

WELFARE FOODS SERVICE.

In addition to the main storage and distribution centre at Macclesfield the distribution points at 52 Bridge Street, Hurdsfield House, Sanders Square, Weston Estate, Bollington, Sutton Lane Ends Welfare Centres, Bollington Council Offices, Higher Poynton, Chelford and Wincle were retained.

During the year ending 31st December, 1955, the following quantities of food were distributed:—

National Dried Milk	... ..	25,095 Tins
Orange Juice	... ..	30,622 Bottles
Cod Liver Oil	... ..	6,593 Bottles
Vitamen A and D Tablets...		2,309 Packets

Total 64,619

SPECIALIST CLINICS:

Ophthalmic Clinic—The Ophthalmic Clinic at the School Clinic is available to Mothers and Children under 5 years of age and the following is a report of the work done during the year:—

Number of Mothers who attended the Clinic	... ..	1
		(8 Attendances).
Number of children under 5 years of age who attended		27
Number of attendances made by children under 5 years		54
Number of children for whom glasses were prescribed		10

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic—This clinic is held once each month at the School Clinic and is available to Mothers and Children under 5 years of age.

Number of attendances made by mothers	... ..	Nil
Number of attendances made by children under 5 years		2
Number of children referred for Tonsils and Adenoids		
Operation	.... ....	1
		(Adenoids only).

Dental Treatment—Treatment carried out by the School Dentist for Mothers and children under 5 years:—

	Cases exam- ined.	Needing treat- ment.	Treat- ed.	Ext.	Anæ- sthetic Local	Gen.	Fill- ings.
Maternity Cases	2	2	2	2	—	2	—
Child Welfare	63	63	49	142	6	39	16

Infant Day Nurseries:

The following is a summary of attendances, etc., for the year:

	No. of places for children under 2 yrs.		Attendances Under 2 yrs.		Total Aver- age daily Attend- ances at	No. of Mothers on reg. employed full-time 31/12/55	No. of children on waiting list at 31/12/55 Under 2 yrs.	
Glegg Street .	10	30	1917	6255	33	40	10	3
South Park	15	25	2774	5591	34	38	18	4
Hurdsfield	20	20	3161	4780	33	39	13	9
Bollington	10	25	1449	3288	20	29	—	—

Section 23—Midwives Services.

Notification of births received:—

	LIVE				STILL			
	Maccles- field.		Bolling- ton.		Maccles- field.		Bolling- ton.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate	248	215	49	32	4	6	—	—
Illegitimate	5	6	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total	253	221	50	32	4	6	—	—
	TOTAL. Macclesfield.		TOTAL. Bollington.		TOTAL. Bollington.		TOTAL BIRTHS	
Legitimate ...	252	221	49	32	...	554		
Illegitimate ...	6	6	—	—	...	12		
Totals	258	227	49	32	...	566		

There are five County Midwives and two District Nurses practising Midwifery employed in the Division. There was a total of 566 births in the Division, 307 males and 259 females.

Births took place as follows:—

	Macclesfield	Bollington	Total
West Park Hospital ...	271	43	314
Other Hospitals ...	10	2	12
Home Confinements ...	200	37	237
Transfers ...	3	—	3
	484	82	566

Of the 237 mothers who were confined at home, 17 were attended by Home Helps provided under Section 29 of the National Health Service Act.

Section 24—Health Visiting.

Visits made by Health Visitors:—

	FIRST VISITS		TOTAL VISITS	
	Maccles- field.	Boll- ington.	Maccles- field.	Boll- ington.
To Children under 12 months ...	523	82	2451	326
,, Children 1—5 years	8	—	3960	428
,, Expectant Mothers ...	178	—	311	18
,, Home Helps	77	—	648	30
Re Stillbirths	6	—	11	—
,, Infant Deaths	6	—	11	—
To cases of Sickness	22	—	35	—
,, Mental Defectives	3	—	75	—
,, Care and After-Care	32	—	943	41
,, Cases of Tuberculosis	10	—	237	1
,, School Children	15	—	373	94
Special Visits	7	—	1324	—
No access	—	—	307	—
Totals:	887	82	10686	938

Clinics attended by Health Visitors:—

	Nurses:—					
	Adamson	Grills	Martin	Watson	Williams	Yates
Infant Welfare	24	89	103	99	64	58
Pre-School	—	49	3	58	23	50
Ante-Natal	—	43	—	33	17	45
Welfare Imm. Sess.	—	22	—	29	14	19
School Med. Inspects.	—	14	—	23	11	23
School Head Inspects.	15	28	8	42	19	25
School Head Tr'm'ts	—	—	—	1	—	—
Vision Clinics	10	—	54	—	3	1
Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics	—	—	8	—	—	—
Minor Ailments	—	—	163	—	63	79
School Clinics	43	—	78	—	5	—
Dental Clinics	—	—	35	—	—	—
B.C.C. Clinics	5	8	—	14	4	9
Totals	97	253	452	299	223	309

SECTION 25—DOMICILIARY NURSING:

Visits made by the District Nurses during the year:—

		Macclesfield	Bollington
Total Visits	... ..	12255	4503

SECTION 26—VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATION.

VACCINATION		Macclesfield:		Bollington:	
		Primary	Re-Vacc.	Primary.	Re-Vacc.
Notified by Practitioners...	144		23	17	7

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.

		Macclesfield:		Bollington:	
		Completed.	Ref.	Completed.	Ref.
By Practitioners	.... ....	166	45	24	6
At Welfare Clinics	.... ....	226	95	21	—

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNIZATION.

		Macclesfield	Bollington
Notified by Practitioners	...	159	25
At Welfare Clinics	... ..	239	8

SECTION 27.—AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Report of work done by Ambulance Service:

	1	2	3	4	5
	No. of Vehicles.	Total No. of Journeys	Total No. of Patients carried.	No. of Acc't. Journeys, inc. in Col. 3.	Total Mileage
A. Directly Provided	Amb. Cars				
	3	2576(—)	7116(—)	417(—)	33731(—)
	2	1810(—)	11756(—)	—	50276(—)
B. By Agency (Red Cross) Works. Reg. Contract Firms	Amb. Cars				
	—	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—
C. Supplementary. (Hospital Car Service, Taxis, Etc).	Amb. Cars				
	3	309	915(—)	—	12342

SECTION 28—PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE:

Loan of Medical and Surgical Equipment.

A supply of articles for loan purposes at a small loan charge is available with the District Nurse and at the School Clinic. These articles have been loaned during the year 1955 to the following cases.

Wheel Chairs	....	....	....	8
Bed Rests	....	....	....	18
Air Cushions	....	....	....	22
Bed Pans	30
Mackintosh Sheets	32
Urinals	11
Bed Cage	1
Feeding Cups	2
Commodes	1
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				125
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TUBERCULOSIS.

	MACCLESFIELD				BOLLINGTON			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1955	120	81	39	38	7	8	5	5
No. of cases on Register at 31st Dec., 1955	118	85	39	38	8	8	5	5
No. of new cases notified in 1955	4	9	1	2	1	—	—	—
No. of deaths in 1955	2	4	—	1	—	—	—	—
No. of cases recovered, lost sight of, etc.	4	1	1	1	—	—	—	—

B.C.G. VACCINATION.

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis was commenced in January, 1955, and was available to children in their 13th year. This age group involves seven schools in the Division and the following table shows the numbers of children vaccinated.

Age Group.	No. of Children in Age Group.	No. of Children Tested by Jelly Test.	No. of Children Tested by P.P.D. Injection.	No. of Children Vaccinated with B.C.G.
1954/1955	.... 640	.... 553	.... 394	.... 320
1955/1956	.... 423	.... 319	.... 231	.... 214
		CONVERSION TESTS (8 Weeks)		CONVERSION TEST (12 Months)
		Follow-up Mantoux.	Positive to follow-up Mantoux.	Follow-up Mantoux.
1954/1955	.... 293	....	277 —
1955/1956	.... 74	....	68 —

SECTION 29—DOMESTIC HELP.

In an effort to keep expenditure at a reasonable level very severe curtailment of the hours worked for individual cases has been necessary. This has, however, thrown considerable extra strain on the home helps who have been required to attend several cases daily and is, in my opinion, reflected by the increased sickness rate among them during the latter part of the year.

The number of Domestic Helps on the Register at 31st December, 1955, and the total number of hours worked during the year:—

			Macclesfield	Bollington	Total No. of hours worked during 1955.
Full-time	....	....	2	—	3414½
Part-time	....	....	27	2	22746½
			—	—	—
Total	....		29	2	26161
			—	—	—

The average length of time for which Home Help is provided:

Confinement Cases—14 days.

Aged persons, sickness, Mothers in hospitals, etc.—
variable according to circumstances of cases.

No. of cases attended by Home Helps:—

For Confinement	....	....	....	17
Post-Natal	....	....	....	2
Ante-Natal	....	....	....	2
Aged Persons	....	....	....	208
(In 36 cases two aged persons in household and two cases of three aged persons in household).				
Tuberculosis	...	....	....	—
Sickness	....	....	....	18
				247
				40
Total	....			287 persons.

Summary of disabilities of the above cases:—

	Under 45 years		45 to 64 years		65 to 74 years		75 to 84 years		Over 85 years		Total	
	M	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Mental	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	6
Heart	—	2	2	5	1-11		6	23	—	—	9	41
Rheumatism, Bones, Joints	—	2	—	9	—	7	5	22	1	3	6	43
Respiratory Diseases	—	7	—	—	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	15
Cerebral Haemorrhage	—	—	1	2	—	2	1	6	—	1	2	11
Post Operative	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5
Tuberculosis .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kidney & Diges- tive Organs....	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	3
Cancer	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	6	1	—	4	9
Accidents	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Disseminated Sclerosis	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Old Age and Senility	—	—	—	—	1	7	9	54	3	19	13	80
Ear, Eye or Sense Organs	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	2	3	3	6
Paralysis Agitans Organs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Post-Natal	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Ante-Natal	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Confinements	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
Semi- Paraplegic	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Congenital Defects	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	1	37	4	25	3	42	24	118	7	26	39	248

Table II. SICK AND AGED

Ambulant	....	....	....	....	....	220
Bedridden	....	....	....	....	....	46
						266

Table III.

Living alone	....	....	....	....	....	144
Not alone	....	....	....	....	....	122
						266

Table IV

Awaiting Hospital Bed	10
Ex-Hospital	22
Died at Home	12
Died in Hospital	8
Entered Home for Aged Persons	7
Taken into Relatives' Homes	7
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SECTION 51—MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

An Occupation Centre was opened on the 25th April, 1955, at 33 Great King Street, Macclesfield, where certain children who have been found ineducable within the school system can attend daily for training. The activities of the centre include rug making, needlework, knitting and papier mache.

No. on Register at 31/12/55	Total No. of Attendances	Number of days open	Average daily attendances
33	2736	135	20

We are,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) H. R. DUGDALE,

Macclesfield Divisional Medical
Officer of Health.

(Signed) A. CLOUGH,

Clerk to the Macclesfield Divi-
sional Health Committee.

1951 to 1955

	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Total Births Notified	487	475	493	488	473
Birth Rate	13.63	13.38	13.91	13.47	12.74
Still-Birth Rate	22.58	19.31	22.31	22.54	23.25
Infant Death Rate	27.31	25.75	20.74	37.73	34.63
Neo-Natal Death Rate	13.10	12.87	8.29	20.96	17.31
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Cases to West Park and other Maternity Hos- pitals	316	355	355	326	281
Home Helps Granted	217	251	35	25	17

**Attendance at Welfare
Centres**

Total attendances of chil- dren under 1 year	8,842	8,633	8,498	6,773	7,470
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Ante-Natal Clinic

Total number of attend- ances by expectant mothers	929	630	988	965	788
Number of expectant mothers who attended for the first time	297	295	303	282	268

Pre-School Clinic

Total attendances of chil- dren 1 to 5 years	1,873	1,987	2,298	2,526	2,783
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**Visits made by Health
Visitors**

Visits to expectant mothers, 1st Visits	187	178	185	190	178
Total Visits	397	403	313	330	311
First visits to children under one year	484	484	448	476	523
Total visits to children under one year	1,939	2,419	1,986	2,239	2,451
Total visits to children 1 to 5 years	3,401	3,865	3,638	4,139	3,960
Total Visits	<u>6,408</u>	<u>7,349</u>	<u>6,570</u>	<u>7,374</u>	<u>7,423</u>

EXAMINATION OF MILK—1955

During the year, 31 samples of milk were submitted for examination as to their Cleanliness and Keeping Quality.

1. **Accredited Milk.** Two samples of accredited milk were examined and reported to be clean and wholesome, and passed the tests prescribed by the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

2. **Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk.** 11 samples of such milk were examined and proved to be of wholesome character, and passed the required standard.

3. **Undesignated Milk.** Of 3 samples examined all were satisfactory from the point of view of cleanliness or keeping quality.

4. **Tuberculin Tested Milk.** 15 samples were taken, all of which passed the required standard.

THE TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY

1. The water supply of the area has been satisfactory in quality, but to maintain a sufficient quantity it was necessary to supplement supplies by pumping from a river outside the catchment area during part of November and the whole of December.

2. The periodical bacteriological examinations of the raw and filtered water are made by the Borough Engineer, and periodical samples of water are taken and analysed by the Public Analyst, from the consumers' taps.

3. The water has no plumbo-solvent action.

4. No specific contamination has been identified but the Corporation has taken all possible steps to avoid pollution by acquiring control of the whole of the Gathering Grounds to Trentabank and to Ridgate Reservoirs.

5. With the exception of a few outlying houses and farms, above the level of the gravity supply, the whole of the dwelling houses within the Borough are supplied direct from public water mains. There are no standpipe supplies.

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

6 Market Place,
Macclesfield.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my annual report of the work of your Sanitary Inspectors during the year 1955:—

The survey of housing conditions as required by the Ministry, was carried out, in addition to the normal work of the department, and is the reason for a substantial increase in the number of visits made to dwellinghouses.

Food shops, Cafes, Kitchens and Food Preparation Premises have received increased attention during the year. On many occasions the advice of inspectors has been sought by shopkeepers, resulting in improved premises and equipment.

Inspections

1,137 Complaints were investigated of which 139 were unfounded, and 17,316 visits of inspection were made to premises in the Borough for purposes appertaining to the Acts and Regulations administered by the Department.

Public Health and Housing Acts (including Housing Survey)	14,823
Shops Act, 1950	31
Factories (including Bakehouses)	103
Infectious Diseases	40
Milk Samples	69
Smoke Observations	63
Pest Destruction	79
Common Lodging Houses	35
Dairies and Milk Distributors	53
Slaughterhouses	1,174
Cafe Kitchens, Food Shops	721
Ice-Cream Manufacturers	12
Ice-Cream, Retail Sale only	23
Public Conveniences	61
Swimming Bath	2
Licensed Premises	12
Schools	15
Total	17,316
Appointments and Interviews	1,101

The Sanitary Defects dealt with in dwellinghouses were as follows:—

HOUSES						Found.	Remedied.
Dirty or Verminous	....	....	....	....	....	5	7
Damp	....	....	....	....	....	52	35
Defective pointing of external walls	....				....	4	5
Defective brickwork of external walls	....				....	3	3
Defective Roof	....	....	....	....	....	46	60
Defective Chimney Stacks	....	....	....	....	....	8	11
Defective plaster of walls and ceiling	....				....	31	17
Defective Floors	....	....	....	....	....	16	10
Defective Windows and Frames	....	....			....	49	17
Want of Ventilation	....	....	....	....	....	1	2
Defective Fireplaces (including Mantels, etc.)	....	....	....	....	....	8	7
Defective Doorsteps	....	....	....	....	....	1	—
Defective Doors or Door Frames	....				....	14	12
Defective Stairs	....	....	....	....	....	3	2
Want of or Defective Handrails	....				....	3	3
Water Supply cut off or insufficient	....				....	47	52
DRAINAGE							
Defective Drainage	....	....	....	....	....	17	13
Stopped Drains	....	....	....	....	....	107	74
Defective Sink, Waste-pipe, etc.	....				....	10	7
Defective or want of Rain Water Pipes	....				....	15	11
Defective or want of Eaves Spouts	....				....	34	20
Other Faults	....	....	....	....	....	5	3
Defective Cesspools	....	....	....	....	....	4	4
CLOSETS							
Waste Water Closets (converted to W.C.s)						1	1
Insufficient Closet Accommodation	....				....	1	1
Structure or Fittings Defective	....				....	29	23
Want of Water Supply to Closet Cistern	....				....	13	9
Dirty Closets	....	....	....	....	....	2	2
Accumulations	....	....	....	....	....	18	19
Ash Bins Defective	....	....	....	....	....	680	706
Yards and Passages Defective	....				....	3	3
Animals kept so as to be a nuisance	....				....	3	4
Totals						1233	1143

Drain Tests carried out

		Colour.	Rocket.	Machine.	Totals.
Positive	....	44	6	—	50
Negative	....	28	5	—	33
Totals		72	11	—	83

Notices

	INFORMAL		STATUTORY	
	Served.	Complied with.	Served.	Complied with.
Public Health Acts	824	747	147	131
Housing Act (Sec. 9)	6	2	4	2
Food and Drugs Act	2	1	—	—
Factories Act	5	2	—	—
Cheshire County Act	27	27	—	—
Totals	864	779	151	133

Food and Drugs Act.

At the end of the year the following premises were registered under the Act, viz :—

Ice-Cream Manufacturers	3
Ice-Cream Retail Sale only	133
Preserved Food	76
Slaughterhouses	3

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 and Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Licences have been granted as follows :—

Milk Distributors	126
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Dealers' Licences :—

Sterilised Milk	117
Pasteurised Milk	8
Tuberculin Tested Milk	9
Dairies (not being dairy farms)	4

Supplementary Licences :—

Tuberculin Tested Milk	4
Pasteurised Milk	4
Sterilised Milk	5

OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED

965 tins Fruit	221 tins Milk
656 tins Vegetables	499 tins Meat
108 tins Fish	135lbs. Fish
31lbs. Sausage	200lbs. Pears
96lbs. Ox Tongue	30lbs. Prunes
634lbs. Boiled Ham	44lbs. Flour
2lbs. Cheese	28lbs. Cooking Fat
20lbs. Bacon	83lbs. Biscuits
62 tins Soup	28lbs. Dried Fruit
44 tins Jam	7 Chickens
21½lbs. Butter	1548 Fish Cakes
61½lbs. Margarine	20lbs. Tripe
24lbs. Tomatoes	151 Eggs
6lbs. Corned Beef	240 Pineapples
1 ton 6 cwt. Carrots	2½cwt. Potatoes

MEAT INSPECTION

The carcasses of 13,524 animals were inspected during the year, 100 per cent. inspection was carried out at the two slaughterhouses operating in the borough and the continued co-operation with the Butchery trade was again in evidence.

As the return to private slaughtering has now become more stabilised it is possible to divide the butchers into two categories; those slaughtering in the borough (24) and those buying from wholesale supplies (40).

The disposal of condemned meat and offals still continues to operate safely and smoothly under the supervision of the Chief Sanitary Inspector of Stockport.

From the statistics shown it is evident that the inspection of carcasses is of the utmost importance having regard to the high incidence of tuberculosis among food animals, cows in particular.

Meat and Other Foods Inspection

	Cattle excl'd'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and in- spected	885	1,360	369	5,961	4,949
All diseases except Tuber- culosis :—					
Whole Carcases con- demned	1	5	9	12	8
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	64	260	2	165	77
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis ...	7.34	19.49	2.98	2.97	1.72
Tuberculosis only :—					
Whole carcasses con- demned	7	19	3	—	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	94	367	—	—	157
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	11.41	28.38	0.81	—	3.23

Weight of Meat Condemned.

OTHER DISEASES.				TUBERCULOSIS.				TOTAL.					
Tons cwts. qrs. lbs.				Tons. cwts. qrs. lbs.				Tons cwts. qrs. lbs.					
4	13	1	18	12	7	3	1	17	1	0	19

Contagious Disease of Animals Acts.

This duty places upon the department a considerable amount of administrative work in connection with the weekly cattle auction and the movement of animals under licences issued from the Public Health Office.

From time to time new legislation is introduced to deal with a specific type of disease and between May and September special measures became necessary to deal with the increased incidence of Swine Fever. During this period some 628 licences were issued or received to cover the movement of 2,220 pigs and in 82 cases a special visit was made before movement could be authorised. The movement of animals into the Borough calls for joint action with adjoining County Authorities and a high standard of co-operation was enjoyed, in particular with the Cheshire Constabulary.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health made by Sanitary Inspectors:

	No. on Register.	Inspec- tions.	Written Notices
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	12	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	290	70	5
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	9	16	—
Total	309	98	5

2.—Defects dealt with:—

	Found	Remedied
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	2	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	—	—
Ineffective drainage of Floors (S.6.)	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.):—		
Insufficient	—	1
Unsuitable or defective	17	6
Not separate for sexes	—	—
Other Offences	5	2
Totals	24	9

Outworkers :—

Manufacture of wearing apparel	231
Curtains and Furniture Hangings	102
Total	333

HOUSING**Number of New Houses erected during the year:—**

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	238
(i) By the Local Authority	187
(ii) By Other Local Authorities	6
(iii) By Other Bodies or Persons	45
(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Acts:—	
(i) By the Local Authority	187

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year:—

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected (Under Public Health Housing Acts and Survey Under Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)	10875
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	5661
2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	5
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	5
3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	34
4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	995

2.—Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:—

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in con- sequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	776
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	4
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By owners	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	—

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	74
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners	39
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	9
(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	28
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	24
(iii) Number of Undertakings accepted by the Local Authority in respect of unfit houses	1
(iv) Number of unfit houses made fit by the completion of the Undertakings given	—
(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
(ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—

4.—Housing Act, 1936 (Part IV).—Overcrowding:—

(a) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	—
(b) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	—
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	—
(c) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	—

Eradication of Bed Bugs:—

Number of Houses found to be infested:—	
(a) Council Houses	3
(b) Other Houses	8

Number of disinfestations carried out by Private Contractors	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	—
Number of disinfestations carried out by Local Authority	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11

Common Lodging Houses.

One common lodging house remains registered within the Borough, this is controlled by the Salvation Army and continues to be kept in a satisfactory manner.

The total number of beds provided were 58; with 16,249 nightly lodgers.

Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Work in this field is conducted mainly behind the scenes and rarely comes to the notice of the Public, but it is, however, an important and essential measure in safeguarding the health of the community.

During the year new poisons have proved their worth in the eradication of rats and mice, and in addition to their increased toxic powers are not harmful to humans and domestic animals unless taken in considerable quantity.

The department has also dealt with numerous insect pest infestations, including wasps, flies, ants, cockroaches, bed bugs, fleas, etc., and regular spraying of the refuse tip has been carried out.

Infestations Found and Dealt with:—

	Rats	Mice	Total
Local Authority Property	2	1	3
Private Dwellings	671	542	1213
Business Premises	34	90	124
Totals	707	633	1340

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

On the 24th of January Mr. A. Gibson commenced his duties as Cleansing Foreman, having previously worked in the Department for seven years, and has been employed in all aspects of the work.

During the year I am pleased to report that there has been a noticeable improvement in the conduct of the employees of the Cleansing Section.

The general purpose vehicle has been sold by tender, after having been in service since 1944. A reorganisation was carried out, one of the Dennis side-loaders was relegated to general purpose work, and a second S & D Fore/Aft Tipper purchased to take its place on the ash round. This vehicle is

of a larger capacity than the side-loaders and reduces the number of journeys each day to the tip.

The year showed a very satisfactory increase in the amount of paper salvage collected, which necessitated the purchase of a further electric baling press. A "Crawford" baler was installed in December, this has eliminated the complete stoppage of work which used to take place when a breakdown occurred on our only baler.

Reclamation of land at Congleton Road for playing fields has continued, the first two sections being completed and the third section being started during November. The original level has in places been raised as much as nine feet and it is estimated that 33,000 tons of refuse has been disposed of in this manner.

The vehicles in the Cleansing Department consist of the following :—

	Purchased.
1. Side Loading Refuse Collector— Dennis H.M.B.314.	October, 1945
2. Side Loading Refuse Collector— Dennis L.L.G.345.	December, 1948
3. Rear Loading Refuse Collector— Dennis "Paxit" M.M.A.518.	March, 1950
4. S & D Fore/Aft Tipper— N.M.B.960.	May, 1951
5. Sweeper Collector— Thornycroft Lewin J.L.G.55.	July, 1946
6. Street Gulley Emptier— Dennis J.T.U.428.	September, 1947
7. General Purpose Open Lorry— Thornycroft H.M.A.605	July, 1944 (Sold July, 1955)
8. Pedestrian Controlled Vehicle— N.M.B.453.	March, 1951
9. Pedestrian Controlled Vehicle— P.L.G.943	July, 1952
10. Muleadozer— O.L.G.14.	October, 1951
11. Fordson Van— O.T.U.567.	July, 1952
12. S & D Fore/Aft Tipper— V.M.A.32.	June, 1955

Salvage Collection and Disposal.

The following table shows the materials salvaged and disposed of during the years 1954 and 1955.

					1954		1955	
					Tons Cwts.		Tons Cwts.	
Waste Paper	....	....	....	....	415	6	....	519 2
Ferrous Metals	....	....	....	....	23	14	....	20 3
Non-Ferrous Metals	....	....	....	....	2	3	....	2 4
Textiles	....	....	....	....	12	1	....	12 5
Tyres	....	....	....	....	—	—	....	1 4
Total Value	....	....	....	....	£3,957		....	£5,045

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support and interest during the year. I should also like to express my thanks to the Borough Architect and Housing Manager for the statistics shown in the report appertaining to the work of their Departments.

Finally, I wish to place on record the continued loyal support given to me by my colleagues and clerical staff.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. TURNER,

Chief Sanitary Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.

